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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUEST IN APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE

1. AFTERNOON TABLOID "LA SEGUNDA" CARRIES FRONT PAGE BOX UNDER HEAD "ATTEMPTED TAKEOVER OF SANTIAGO NUNCIATURE." STORY SAYS ATTEMPTED TAKEOVER INVOLVING 20 LAYMEN AND THREE PRIESTS TOOK PLACE TUESDAY NIGHT.

2. ACCORDING SEGUNDA, EXCHANGE BETWEEN MONSIGNOR BIGGI (ACTING IN NUNCIO'S PLACE) AND "REBEL LAYMEN PLUS PRIESTS WAS BITTER TO POINT WHERE ECLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY HAD TO TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES TO AVOID EVEN MORE DIFFICULT SITUATION." STORY SAYS OCCUPIERS FINALLY TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION. ENDS BY STATING THAT DESPITE "HERMETIC SILENCE," THESE "CHRISTIAN REBELS" WOULD BE FREE TO MOVE ABOUT TODAY.

3. RELIABLE CHURCH SOURCE TOLD IO THAT ACTUALLY 22 LAYMEN HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM IN NUNCIATURE EVENING JULY 23. THEY WERE

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ACCOMPANIED BY ONE JESUIT, A SALESIAN PRIEST, A LUTHERAN

MINISTER, AND FORMER PROVINCIAL OF JESUIT ORDER. RELIGIOUS
NOT SEEKING ASYLUM BUT MERELY AIDING ASYLEES. AFTER MUCH
DELIBERATION, PROSPECTIVE ASYLEES FINALLY PROVIDED ESCORT TO
U.N. SAFE HAVEN FOR REFUGEES DURING EARLY MORNING JULY 24.

4. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, ASYLEES DEPARTING TODAY FOR
BUENOS AIRES, WHICH IS WHAT THEY DESIRED. ALL ASYLEES ARE
CHILEAN, BUT NO IDENTIFICATION PROVIDED AS TO MAKE-UP OF GROUP.
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